

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-31 were pending in the present application. This preliminary amendment does not cancel or add any claims, leaving pending in the application claims 1-31. Consideration of the amendment to the specification included herein is respectfully requested.

I. Amendment to the Specification

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error, specifically that the period of frequency variation is less than the gain bandwidth of gain elements 32 and 33 but greater than the fundamental mode-frequency spacing of resonator 132. This change makes grammatical sense (structure of “less than A but greater than B”, not “less than A but less than B”). Further, this change is consistent with and supported by, for example, Figure 20; page 24 line 1-page 25, line 3; and claim 7 as filed. As such, the change to the specification is supported and does not add new matter to the specification. Applicants therefore respectfully request entry and consideration of the amendment.

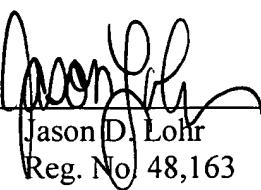
II. Conclusion

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-1703, under Order No. COHV-5131. **A duplicate copy of the transmittal cover sheet attached to this Preliminary Amendment is provided herewith.**

Respectfully submitted,

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